

My Dear Dr Gray

Davenport. Dec 13th/62

The enclosed from Wallace indicates some sovereigns under your criticisms. Somewhat relieved however by Dr Englemans "more favourable" opinion I think however he will get over it - the tenor of the present letter being a vast improvement over the others. I wrote him in answer that I would not undertake to explain other people's meaning. plain enough to me - To cut the whole matter short, I made him a proposal to sell my entire interest in the whole collection, at the rate of \$8.00 per C for my plants now in your hands in round numbers \$150.00 and my interest in his collection (including mine between July 1st & 20th also in his hands) at \$6.00 per C then let him arrange to suit himself, and avoid disagreement, to be paid by you out of 1st proceeds of sale of plants I think this will give him a chance to make money, save you much trouble and me any further annoyance. I hope he will accept

Athens Ill Dec 9th 1862

Dr C C Gray

Dear Sir

Yours of Dec

5th with Dr Gray is just received
With the casual reading I have given
Dr Gray's plan for distribution I am
unable to understand the whole meaning
of it perhaps you do or at least can
give me a detailed statement of what you
propose to do. The decision of Gray rec'd
some days since seems to be somewhat set aside
in his last proposition though the plan
he now proposes may be best for both
parties, but I am too ignorant of its
meaning to form an opinion - it seems
you are to improve a part at least of the City
up to \$8 & share equal interest ^{or one half which?} 1/2 - in the improv-
ed lots ^{the lots} or all, I cannot understand & make
this plain to me & I have no doubt
it can be satisfactorily arranged

The first opportunity I have I will send
your set to the express office, but the
plants that we had of your collecting was
not put in the sets as at the time of
making up a separate collection seemed
quite probable but if the matter is
fairly settled it will be best perhaps to wait
until I send them to you to be used in
improving or filling out.

Dr Engelman has had his set 2 or 3
weeks and only used a common one
no. 17 I believe his opinion of the
specimens is much more favorable
than Gray's - in fact quite as good as
my own & fully up to what their merit
will warrant. I am somewhat at
a loss to understand why good judges
of such things see them so differently.

I hope you will write me at
once (as much time has already been lost)
and give me plain statements of how
much & to what extent you shall
improve sets. My full sets are 694

They fall off about 20 at 20 & perhaps over 30 at 30

I have the material to improve in quantity
a good many of the sets myself. This
seems to be the great lack. Dr Gray
says Botanists want surplus material
to direct a fact you probably knew - but
I did not. nearly one half of the species
are I think already duplicated or furnished
in fl & fr but it seems not enough to
bring them up to 100. I think now I
shall wait to hear from you & know if
I shall send you collection with your set
yours respectfully

E. T. Call

P.S.

{ Would it not be better for Wall
to send you my collections now
in hand with the rest under his
own number. I wish you would
advise him to buy me out as
proposed if you consider it a
fair or judicious offer on my part